

Egremont Board of Health

Thursday, April 8, 2021, 10:00

Zoom meeting

In Attendance: Charles Ogden, Chair, Dr. William Rose, Ellen Maggio

Recording: Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. He noted the presence of a quorum, identified the members present and noted meeting was being recorded per the town's Zoom meeting protocols.
- 2) The minutes from the March 11, 2021 meeting were adopted as presented (3-0). The minutes from the March 25, 2021 meeting were held pending a rewrite and will be reviewed again at the next meeting.
- 3) **Straher/24 Lakeside Drive** The well and Disposal System Construction permits have been paid for using the online payment option but are still pending submission of paper plans and BOH review and approval. Director Haas has been in touch with Town Counsel who agreed that BOH has the authority to issue an Order to remove/demolish the structure if they choose. The demo work will require submission of an NOI to the Conservation Commission. The BOH continues to feel the demo of the structure and the future development of the property are two separate issues. Director Haas will issue another letter to the homeowner stating the BOH will issue an Order To Demolish if immediate action isn't taken. The BOH is prepared to issue the Order if the matter isn't resolved by their next meeting.
- 4) **Recent Field Work**
 - Title 5/18 Hilltop/Ed/pass
 - Title 5/27 Townhouse Hill Road/Ed/pass
 - Title 5/46 Prospect Lake Road/Ed/fail – leach field was under water. Jr. Wilkinson installed temporary line to hold situation over until new system is installed.
 - Installation inspection/186 Egremont Plain Road/Juliette
- 5) **Moskowitz/Petricca/7 Mearns Way** Upgraded septic plans presented by Kelly, Granger & Parsons were reviewed. Current owners enlarged proposed leach field to accommodate a four bedroom design. Board approved a one foot reduction to estimated seasonal high groundwater LUA under maximum feasible compliance (3-0).
- 6) **COVID 19**
 - Cumulative cases: 16 (unchanged)
 - Vaccination: BOH continues to assist with scheduling appointments for eligible residents
 - Weekly communication: update status on vaccines delivered and local clinic openings.
 - Employee vaccine: Cara Becker and Jayne Smith will meet with employees who have stated their hesitancy in getting vaccinated to see if they can assist
- 7) **State Mosquito Control Program** The BOH discussed a desired mosquito control plan for the town that does not involve spraying which will include a series of public service announcements (email, newsletter, Facebook) on ways to reduce mosquito activity and breeding areas (remove standing water, turn over containers that collect and hold water, town to apply larvicide in storm water catch basins) and protection (apply insect repellent, avoid dusk 'til dawn outside exposure). The BOH will monitor the weekly arbovirus reports to check on the prevalence of mosquito borne diseases (EEE, WNV, Zika) in the area. The consensus of the BOH was to opt-out of the state's mandate to spray and implement a Mosquito Management Plan.
- 8) Upcoming meetings: April 22nd and May 6th. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Juliette S. Haas
Approved 4/22/2021